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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to
extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal
year 2000, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 ~~Section 102 of the Water Resources Research Act of~~
5 ~~1984 (42 U.S.C. 10301) is amended—~~

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, productiv-
 2 ity of natural resources and agricultural systems,”
 3 after “environmental quality”;

4 (2) by striking out “and” at the end of para-
 5 graph (6);

6 (3) by striking out the period at the end of
 7 paragraph (7) and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “~~(8)~~ long-term planning and policy development
 10 are essential to assuring the availability of an abun-
 11 dant supply of high quality water for domestic and
 12 other uses; and

13 “~~(9)~~ the States must have the research and
 14 problem-solving capacity necessary to effectively
 15 manage their water resources.”.

16 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

17 Section ~~103~~ of the Water Resources Research Act of
 18 1984 (~~42 U.S.C. 10302~~) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
 20 (5);

21 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
 22 graph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) encourage long-term planning and research
2 to meet future water management, quality, and sup-
3 ply challenges.”.

4 **SEC. 3. GRANTS; MATCHING FUNDS.**

5 Section 104(e) of the Water Resources Research Act
6 of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(e)) is amended by striking “one
7 non-Federal dollar” and all that follows through “there-
8 after” and inserting “two non-Federal dollars for every
9 Federal dollar”.

10 **SEC. 4. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 Section 104(f)(1) of the Water Resources Research
12 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(f)(1)) is amended by strik-
13 ing “of \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending
14 September 30, 1989, through September 30, 1995,” and
15 inserting “of \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, \$7,000,000
16 for fiscal years 1997 and 1998, and \$9,000,000 for fiscal
17 years 1999 and 2000”.

18 **SEC. 5. COORDINATION.**

19 Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of
20 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 “(h)(1) To carry out provisions of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary—

24 “(A) shall encourage other Federal depart-
25 ments, agencies (including agencies within the De-

1 partment of the Interior), and instrumentalities to
2 use and take advantage of the expertise and capa-
3 bilities which are available through the institutes es-
4 tablished by this section, on a cooperative or other
5 basis;

6 “(B) shall encourage cooperation and coordina-
7 tion with other Federal programs concerned with
8 water resources problems and issues;

9 “(C) may enter into contracts, cooperative
10 agreements, and other transactions without regard
11 to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C.
12 5);

13 “(D) may accept funds from other Federal de-
14 partments, agencies (including agencies within the
15 Department of the Interior), and instrumentalities
16 to pay for and add to grants made, and contracts
17 entered into, by the Secretary;

18 “(E) may promulgate such rules and regula-
19 tions as he deems appropriate; and

20 “(F) may support a program of internships for
21 qualified individuals at the undergraduate and grad-
22 uate level to carry out the educational and training
23 objectives of this Act.

1 ~~“(2) The Secretary shall report to Congress annually~~
 2 ~~on coordination efforts with other Federal departments,~~
 3 ~~agencies, and instrumentalities under paragraph (1).~~

4 ~~“(3) Nothing in this Act shall preempt the rights and~~
 5 ~~authorities of any State with respect to its water resources~~
 6 ~~or management of those resources.”.~~

7 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

8 *Section 102 of the Water Resources Research Act of*
 9 *1984 (42 U.S.C. 10301) is amended—*

10 *(1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, productiv-*
 11 *ity of natural resources and agricultural systems,”*
 12 *after “environmental quality”;*

13 *(2) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the*
 14 *end;*

15 *(3) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at*
 16 *the end and inserting “; and”; and*

17 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

18 ~~“(8) long-term planning and policy development~~
 19 ~~are essential to ensure the availability of an abun-~~
 20 ~~dant supply of high quality water for domestic and~~
 21 ~~other uses; and~~

22 ~~“(9) the States must have the research and prob-~~
 23 ~~lem-solving capacity necessary to effectively manage~~
 24 ~~their water resources.”.~~

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 *Section 103 of the Water Resources Research Act of*
 3 *1984 (42 U.S.C. 10302) is amended—*

4 *(1) in paragraph (5)—*

5 *(A) by striking “to”; and*

6 *(B) by striking “and” at the end;*

7 *(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at*
 8 *the end and inserting “; and”; and*

9 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

10 *“(7) encourage long-term planning and research*
 11 *to meet future water management, quality, and sup-*
 12 *ply challenges.”.*

13 **SEC. 3. GRANTS; MATCHING FUNDS.**

14 *Section 104(c) of the Water Resources Research Act of*
 15 *1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(c)) is amended by striking “one*
 16 *non-Federal dollar” and all that follows through “there-*
 17 *after” and inserting “2 non-Federal dollars for every 1 Fed-*
 18 *eral dollar”.*

19 **SEC. 4. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 *Section 104(f)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act*
 21 *of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(f)(1)) is amended by striking “of*
 22 *\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September*
 23 *30, 1989, through September 30, 1995,” and inserting “of*
 24 *\$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal*
 25 *years 1997 and 1998, and \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal*
 26 *years 1999 and 2000”.*

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RE-**
 2 **SEARCH FOCUSED ON WATER PROBLEMS OF**
 3 **INTERSTATE NATURE.**

4 *The first sentence of section 104(g)(1) of the Water Re-*
 5 *sources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(g)(1)) is*
 6 *amended by striking “of \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal*
 7 *years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995” and inserting “of*
 8 *\$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2000”.*

9 **SEC. 6. COORDINATION.**

10 *Section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of*
 11 *1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303) is amended by adding at the end*
 12 *the following:*

13 *“(h) COORDINATION.—*

14 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this Act, the*
 15 *Secretary—*

16 *“(A) shall encourage other Federal depart-*
 17 *ments, agencies (including agencies within the*
 18 *Department of the Interior), and instrumental-*
 19 *ities to use and take advantage of the expertise*
 20 *and capabilities that are available through the*
 21 *institutes established by this section, on a cooper-*
 22 *ative or other basis;*

23 *“(B) shall encourage cooperation and co-*
 24 *ordination with other Federal programs con-*
 25 *cerned with water resources problems and issues;*

1 “(C) may enter into contracts, cooperative
2 agreements, and other transactions without re-
3 gard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41
4 U.S.C. 5);

5 “(D) may accept funds from other Federal
6 departments, agencies (including agencies within
7 the Department of the Interior), and instrumen-
8 talities to pay for and add to grants made, and
9 contracts entered into, by the Secretary;

10 “(E) may promulgate such regulations as
11 the Secretary considers appropriate; and

12 “(F) may support a program of internships
13 for qualified individuals at the undergraduate
14 and graduate levels to carry out the educational
15 and training objectives of this Act.

16 “(2) *REPORT.*—The Secretary shall report to
17 Congress annually on coordination efforts with other
18 Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities
19 under paragraph (1).

20 “(3) *RELATIONSHIP TO STATE RIGHTS.*—Nothing
21 in this Act shall preempt the rights and authorities
22 of any State with respect to its water resources or
23 management of those resources.”.